

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DAVID ALAN CLIZER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Alan Clizer, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Alan Clizer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH MUSGRAVE,
SR.

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Kenneth Marion Musgrave, Sr., born on October 6, 1923, to a family of 14 children, in Adena, CO. He grew up on a farm southeast of Fort Morgan, CO, attended school in Adena through the 8th grade and completed his high school education in Fort Morgan. Kenneth proudly served his country in World War II and returned to Colorado to raise his family. Stories that have been told through the years prove that Kenneth was always ready and willing to liven any situation with either a practical joke or humor.

After high school, Kenneth joined the Army in December of 1942 and was honorably discharged in November 1945. Kenneth operated a 15-ton truck equipped with a power crane for 31 months with the 456th Service Squadron serving in the United States, England, France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the American Service Medal. He was always proud of his service to his country and carried a strong sense of patriotism throughout his entire life and was an active member of the VFW.

During his army career he married Jean Elizabeth Mason on May 22, 1943 and they shared their lives for 49 years before she died in August 1992. After his discharge from the army, Kenneth and Jean farmed in north-eastern Colorado for many years, raising six

children, Kirby, Marva, William, Susan, Kenneth, Jr., and Robin. He moved his family to the Western Slope in 1967 and began working for the Colorado Department of Highways until he retired in 1988 with over 21 years of service.

Kenneth was a strong family man, maintaining strong ties with his many brothers and sisters, always ready for a visit with his children and grandchildren. His greatest delight was to hold his great-grandchildren. Kenny also enjoyed hunting and playing bingo. As an Odd Fellows member, he called the bingo for the lodge for many years. Kenny will always be remembered for that mischievous look in his eye that always gave him away when he had something up his sleeve.

Kenny's life was a lesson in how to enjoy life, care for others, and make a positive impact on the world. I am proud to honor Kenny, a precious veteran, who is the embodiment of all the values that have molded America into the great Nation it is today.

May God bless his family, may God bless our precious veterans, and may God bless America.

NUECES COUNTY COMMISSIONER
CHUCK CAZALES

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nueces County, TX, Commissioner Chuck Cazales on winning the 2008 Walter B. Jones Memorial Award for Excellence in Local Government. This award recognizes those public officials all around the country who promote and protect our vital coastal resources.

The Texas Coastal Bend is a unique area that provides our citizens with a sense of pride. The natural beauty and beaches in Nueces County contribute to the economy of our communities and offer recreational opportunities and tourism.

For 6 years, Commissioner Cazales has served with distinction on the Nueces County Commissioners' Court. Among his priorities is to protect our coastal communities and resources so that future generations may enjoy them. Last year, I was pleased he joined me at a field hearing on beach erosion with the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans. Commissioner Cazales has always advocated for increased coastal zone management programs and his testimony at the hearing was integral to its success.

The award, named after the late Congressman Walter B. Jones of North Carolina, provides the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with the authority to honor those dedicated to helping the Nation maintain healthy coastal and ocean resources and balance the needs of these resources with

human use. I served with both Congressman Jones and his son, Walter Jones, and know their strong dedication to coastal welfare.

This prestigious award is a testament to Commissioner Cazales's service to the Gulf Coast and South Texas. I am confident that he will continue to inspire positive change in the field of coastal management, and can think of no one else more deserving of this award.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEACE CORPS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, National Peace Corps week is a time for us to honor the immeasurable contributions and service of the current 8,079 Peace Corps volunteers. Through mutual respect and understanding, these men and women have committed themselves to improving our country's relationships with the rest of the world, and I rise today to applaud their dedication to communities in the 74 countries in which they have admirably served.

When President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps 47 years ago, he set out to provide ordinary men and women with an opportunity to strengthen developing countries devastated by the effects of poverty, disease, and war. Since then, more than 190,000 volunteers have served in 139 countries, and the Peace Corps' long-lasting impact has continued to reverberate throughout the world.

Peace Corps volunteers have mobilized to combat some of the world's most urgent humanitarian crises, including providing crucial assistance to communities in need of post-conflict relief and reconstruction as well as countries overwhelmed by natural disasters. These men and women have helped economically depressed communities develop new business plans, struggling farmers improve their crop production, and families devastated by HIV/AIDS receive the care they need. These volunteers have overcome significant challenges by fostering new bonds of friendship, and they deserve to be commended for their service and passion.

To date, the 6th District of California has produced around 400 Peace Corps volunteers, including the following 33 current volunteers: Libby A. Bersot, who is working in Botswana; Tracey M. Bolch, Gambia; Jamie L. Bowen, Mali; Jennifer M. Busick, Bolivia; Catherine G. Carlton, Zambia; John Cervett w Cervetto, Kyrgyzstan; Joseph P. Deschenes, Albania; Fionah Dominis, Swaziland; Tameron A. Eaton, Eastern Caribbean; Benjamin S. Fryer, Nicaragua; Jillian D. Geissler, Guatemala; Robyn M. Grahn, Honduras; Emilie J. Greenhalgh Stam, Cameroon; Alexis S. Guild, Guatemala; Donald F. Hesse, Jordan; Jessica D. Holloway, Armenia; Michelle Kong, Guatemala; August L. Konrad, Kenya; Anna F.

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Madam Speaker, the 47th anniversary of the establishment of the Peace Corps is an achievement that we should all commemorate. I rise today to celebrate the leadership and accomplishments of these compassionate men and women who have committed themselves to promoting global peace, diplomacy, and understanding.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL
CHARLES C. CURTZE

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Rear Admiral Charles Curtze. Born and raised in Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District, Admiral Curtze brought his dedication to service and caring personality to the Erie community.

A 1933 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Admiral Curtze excelled in gymnastics and led the midshipmen to the league championship. He qualified for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany, but due to his position in the U.S. Navy and growing security concerns regarding Adolf Hitler, the State Department prohibited his attendance. After graduating from the Naval Academy, Admiral Curtze earned a master's degree in naval construction from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

One of the most extraordinary accomplishments of his career was his role in saving the only major ship to survive the attack on Pearl Harbor. By guiding the USS St. Louis to safety, the ship was able to successfully put out to sea and became the stalwart of the new Pacific fleet during World War II.

During the infancy of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Admiral Curtze served as the engineering member of the first U.S. team in London. He later became commander of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard and ultimately deputy chief of the Bureau of Ships in Washington, DC before retiring as a rear admiral in 1965 and returning to Erie.

His passion for sailing began at the early age of 14 when he bought his first sailboat, joined the Erie Yacht Club and began racing. After retiring from his military career, he used his naval architecture skills to design and commission his own yacht, Thule, in 1970 which he sailed until his 90th year.

Admiral Curtze was known as a very generous individual who contributed to several local causes, most notably the Asbury Woods Project. He was an 80-year member of the Erie Yacht Club and a life member of the Erie Historical Society.

The life of Charles Curtze serves as a role model for us all to follow. He embodied the word service in its finest sense through his

kindness, hard work and generosity and will greatly be missed by all.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating the life of Charles Curtze.

HONORING JORDAN MICHAEL
RAISHER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan Michael Raisher, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jordan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jordan Michael Raisher for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL ALBERT
BITTON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to CPL Albert Bitton, who was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Iraq on February 20, 2008. Corporal Bitton joined the Army in December 2005 and bravely served as a medic in Iraq, where he had been stationed since October.

Corporal Bitton, who grew up in West Rogers Park, was part of the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. He joined the Army to serve his country and to prepare himself to become a surgeon. Corporal Bitton was justifiably proud of his Army service. His friends report that he wore his uniform everywhere when he returned to Chicago on leave—even to the bowling alley and park.

Corporal Bitton graduated in 2005 from Ida Crown Jewish Academy, where he was on the school wrestling team and enjoyed painting, drawing, and video games. His friends remember him as a scrappy tough kid with artistic talent. His classmates recall his sweet nature and how genuinely nice he was to everyone.

Friends from as far away as Israel and Alaska have sent condolences to Bitton's wife, Melissa Handelman, his parents, Elie and Sylvia, and his sisters, Jackie and Elizabeth. Last Wednesday night in New York, about 40 people who knew Bitton gathered at Yeshiva University for an impromptu memorial. The outpouring of emotion from those touched by Corporal Bitton's death is a testament to the lasting impression this exceptional young man left on those he met throughout his life.

I offer my deepest sympathies to Melissa Handelman, Corporal Bitton's wife; his par-

ents, Elie and Sylvia; and his sisters, Elizabeth and Jackie.

HONORING JENNIFER JOY WILSON'S SELECTION AS AGGREGATES MANAGER OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable American, a woman who has previously served this Nation and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia with honor and distinction—Jennifer Joy Wilson, who has worked at the White House Office of Communications for President Gerald Ford, as Assistant Administrator for External Affairs at the Environmental Protection Agency, as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as staff policy liaison and senior executive assistant for Virginia Governor John Dalton, and as legislative director and executive assistant for U.S. Senator JOHN WARNER.

For the past decade, Ms. Wilson has served first as the head of the National Stone Association, and then, after the merger of two similar groups, as the president and CEO of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, NSSGA. NSSGA is the world's largest mining association by product volume. Its member companies represent more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States and approximately 118,000 working men and women in the aggregates industry. During 2006, a total of about 2.95 billion metric tons of crushed stone, sand and gravel, valued at \$21 billion, was produced and sold in the United States.

This year, Ms. Wilson has been given the distinguished honor of being selected as AggMan of the Year by Aggregates Manager magazine, one of the construction aggregates industry's leading trade publications.

During her tenure, the NSSGA led an effort to improve employee safety in the aggregate industry by developing new safety procedures, called Part 46, for the U.S. Mine Safety & Health Administration, MSHA. The joint industry-labor effort produced a proposal "that would apply better to our industry and provide managers and workers with effective means to prevent accidents and fatalities." By all accounts, Part 46 has shown remarkable success in reducing employee injuries.

On February 11, 2003, an alliance between NSSGA and MSHA was announced. Signed at the NSSGA's centennial convention in Orlando, Florida, the agreement calls for the two organizations to work closely together on the promotion of safe working conditions, the development of effective miner training programs, and the expansion of mine safety and health outreach and communication. "For the first time ever, MSHA and an industry association have jointly agreed to adopt safety and health performance goals with objective measures," then MSHA Administrator Dave Lauriski said during that meeting. "This alone is unprecedented . . . NSSGA is again showing its leadership."

On the environmental front, Ms. Wilson led the industry in investing in a study "righting an

assumption we just didn't believe was right." Through the efforts of the association and its members, it was determined that the aggregates industry is not a major emitter of PM-10—a particular type of air pollutant. The final regulations reflected the investment by the industry in recognizing that aggregate operations are not a major source of coarse particulate matter."

Considering almost half of all crushed stone, sand and gravel produced in the United States is used for building the Nation's transportation infrastructure, Ms. Wilson has led her members in establishing a strong grassroots presence connecting the industry's workforce with their elected officials while increasing their activity on Capitol Hill. Leveraging the association's resources, Ms. Wilson has also worked closely with industry coalitions to advocate for sound and sensible transportation policies.

While there are many "hard as rock" examples of her leadership, Ms. Wilson also has a passion for the industry and the people she represents. Referring to it as "romancing the stone," Ms. Wilson wants to raise awareness of the public, legislators, and of regulators at all levels to the immeasurably important role aggregates play in maintaining America's high quality of life. This includes her leadership in establishing the Rocks Gallery at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and creating a permanent endowment to support the gallery, all totaling more than \$3.1 million.

Many people have been able to take credit for industry accomplishments, but selection as AggMan of the Year denotes something not everyone can lay claim to—respect of one's peers, including the irony of designating the first woman to win the honor of "AggMan of the Year." For this reason I stand here today to take a moment and congratulate a woman who has done so much for the good people in the aggregates industry.

TRIBUTE TO LT. GENERAL
RICARDO S. SANCHEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor LTG Ricardo S. Sanchez on being the recipient of the 2008 Border Texan of the Year.

General Sanchez is a truly deserving recipient of this honor, which was given to him for his extraordinary contributions to the security of our Nation over the past 33 years. He served overseas in service of his country in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, 197th (Separate) Infantry Brigade, which then transitioned to the 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) once redeployed. General Sanchez also has served in the Federal Government as an investigator in the Office of the Inspector General Agency, and in the years following his brigade command tour in 1994, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, and later as Director of Operations and Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans, with the United States Southern Command in Miami, Florida.

General Sanchez served as commander of the Multi-National Brigade (East), KFOR, in

Kosovo in 1999. He also served as commanding general of the 1st Armored Division, which was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in May 2003, and then was nominated to his present rank of lieutenant general in June 2003. He commanded the V Corps and simultaneously became commander of the Combined Joint Task Force 7, responsible for one of the largest combat forces deployed in U.S. military history in Iraq. General Sanchez was the longest-serving corps commander in V Corps history, and he retired on November 1, 2006, after 33 years of service.

His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with two service stars, the Liberation of Kuwait Medals, and the NATO Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the dedication and commitment of LTG Ricardo Sanchez to the United States of America as the deserving 2008 Border Texan of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the many accomplishments and contributions made by African Americans throughout this country's history. Today, I want to speak about the richness of America's cultures and the role that African Americans have played in making our country great. As a nation we are so diverse and when the gifts and talents of each group are shared and blended together, we are so much stronger. For many years in our history, we largely ignored the strength of our diversity instead of seeking to celebrate it.

We now celebrate Black History Month to reflect upon the struggle for civil rights but also to honor the enormous contributions African Americans have made to our country. These contributions cover every aspect of American life—from business and education to the arts and sciences and, importantly, the sacrifices and heroic efforts of those who serve and have served our country to preserve the freedom and democracy that we hold so dear.

The theme for Black History Month this year is: Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism. This theme embraces the beliefs and teachings of Dr. Woodson, "The Father of Black History" and a pioneer of multiculturalism. Through his research, he fostered a movement to educate Americans about the rich heritage that many had to that point ignored. He stressed the need and importance to recognize and celebrate the gifts and talents Black Americans have shared with this country. In so doing, he taught us also to embrace the diverse cultures living here in the United States.

In 1927 Dr. Woodson stated that "... we should emphasize not Negro history, but the

Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nation, but the history of the world, void of national bias, race, hate and religious prejudice . . ."

Dr. Woodson along with other noted scholars, such as W.E.B. DuBois, wanted to make sure all Americans were aware of the contributions made by African Americans. Today, because of their efforts, the many contributions of African Americans such as civil rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks, and historical leaders such as Sojourner Truth are put into context of what they have meant for African Americans, but also the Nation as a whole. Many, such as Benjamin Banneker, Frederick Douglass, and Harriett Tubman, have roots in my home State of Maryland and have added to our rich history as a state and a nation.

Finally, while there are many who fit this category, I want to mention two African Americans who are currently making an enormous difference through their work in the Third Congressional District of Maryland: Reggie Brody and Karen Ndour. I think they offer terrific examples of what many others are doing across the Third District and the State of Maryland to make our community and our society a better place to live and work.

Reggie is the chief professional officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Highly respected in the Anne Arundel community, he has received various awards including the Organizational Trustee Award and the Community Trustee Award for an extraordinary commitment to his community and his commendable service. He is well known for his stellar communication skills and his unique ability to work with a wide array of community groups and lead them to achieve a common goal.

Karen, an administrator and former attorney, is currently the Principal of the National Academy Foundation High School of Baltimore N.A.F., that opened in 2002 and is located at Baltimore's Digital Harbor. Stressing academic excellence and professionalism, her school has four successful programs that partner with local urban businesses and industry to provide training for young men and women so that they are able to either enter access level positions in their chosen field upon graduation or qualify for the college of their choice.

While teaching law at an East Baltimore High School, Karen was featured in a 2005 article in the Baltimore Sun for implementing the Baltimore City Student Court Project. Karen was approached after teachers and the administration felt the need to lower the suspension rate at the school and help make the young men and women who attended the school accountable for their actions. Much of the discipline was thereby transferred from the "adult" administration to the student court. The approach has seen significant results: fewer children are finding themselves in situations that lead to diminished opportunities for their future success.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to speak about the importance of Black History Month and to acknowledge the work that my constituents and others are doing for their communities and for our Nation.

HONORING KENNETH TUCKER
GORMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kenneth Tucker Gorman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING GULA STOUGH ADAMS

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

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Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a business woman from Las Animas, Colorado. Mrs. Gula Stough Adams has poured her heart and soul into a business that has been owned and operated by Mrs. Adams and her family for 70 years.

Gula owns and operates Stough's Flower Shop, and has weathered the economic storms of rural Colorado going back to the days of the Great Depression and WWII.

"It's wonderful work. I wish I were 20 years younger," said Gula, who is 85 and still going strong. Her mother Inez Stough, established the business in 1938. Of course, Gula's personal history goes back a little farther than that. Before her family moved to Las Animas they ranched at Ninaview, Colorado, 35 miles south of Las Animas. "We still have the ranch we homesteaded in 1915," she noted. In those long ago days she attended Pine Hill School, which her family and relatives helped build by bringing in rock and then assembling the one-room school. She reports the structure is still standing, and a memento from it hangs on a wall in her flower shop, the Regulator clock. When the school was reorganized she asked her parents to obtain the clock. She walked over and pointed to four letters in the clock manufacturer's name . . . Gula.

The Depression years were not the happiest of times, but the hard times brought the family into town from the ranch. Gula's mother knew the family had to do something. So Inez thought she would open a flower shop. The original flower shop was downtown, but the rent was too high. So her mother had a small stucco shop built.

"You just think back about the Depression years and you wonder how we ever did it, but we did. During the Depression people were able to survive," Gula noted, adding that people may have managed their money better then than they do now.

Over the last 70 years that she has been in business, Gula remembers when Las Animas was thriving. Though it saddens her to see the current economic state of this rural community, she still carries on in her business despite what some would think to be insurmountable odds. Gula never took an opportunity to pull back from the challenges of running a small business in rural America. She believes in working hard and sound financial management, and it is my firm belief that these two things have contributed to her long and productive life. When other businesses failed around her she worked hard and spent wisely.

During World War II Gula married Pete Jerman, Jr., a B-24 pilot who went down over the Mediterranean, leaving her a widow. Those were sad days for Gula and her family. In 1947, her mother insisted she go to Denver and study at the first floral school to be established in Colorado. Her mother told her she would be more confident in herself if she took the classes.

Back in Las Animas she married again to Mr. Lloyd Adams. They built their current flower shop in 1968 at 702 Grove Avenue in Las Animas, Colorado. This will be her 40th year at this location. Gula loves her business and the community in which she has run her business for 70 years.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to Mrs. Gula Adams for her dedication and courage. She is an example to all of the small businesses within my district. It is an honor to represent her in Congress, and it is an honor to recognize this small business owner who has been a part of this family business for 70 years. She is a tribute to her trade and a treasure to her community.

"MR. AMIGO 2007" ANGÉLICA VALE

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I wish today to commend the 2007 "Mr. Amigo," Angélica Vale, chosen recently by the Mr. Amigo Association of Brownsville, TX, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in Mexico. Ms. Vale has achieved popularity on both sides of the border for her television, film, and theater work.

The Mr. Amigo Award began in 1964 as an annual tribute to an outstanding Mexican citizen who has made a lasting contribution during the previous year to international solidarity and goodwill. "Mr. Amigo" acts as an ambassador between our two countries and presides over the annual Charro Days festival.

The Charro Days festival, held in Brownsville and Matamoros, is an opportunity to enjoy the unique border culture of the Rio Grande Valley area. A Lenten event, much like Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the festival was organized in 1937 by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce to recognize Mexican culture and was named in honor of the charros, "dashing Mexican gentlemen cowboys." The festival includes parades complete with floats, as well as street dances, a rodeo, mariachi and marimba concerts, and ballet folklorico performances by school students.

This year's Charro Days festivities will be held February 28 through March 2 and will include appearances by Ms. Vale. An actress

since a child, Ms. Vale has received acclaim for her roles in films and television shows. She recently starred in the Mexican show *La Fea Mas Bella*, which inspired the popular American show, *Ugly Betty*. She has also been named one of *People En Español's* "50 Most Beautiful Women."

This is the second time in the history of the Mr. Amigo Award that a parent and child have received such recognition. Ms. Vale's mother, singer Angélica María, received the award in 1996.

The United States-Mexican border has a unique, blended history of cowboys, bandits, lawmen, farmers, fishermen, oil riggers, soldiers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and teachers. The Charro Days festival reflects that deep sense of shared history and experiences, which is needed now more than ever. It is a time for all of us to not only remember our past, but to celebrate our future.

The Charro Days festival and the Mr. Amigo Award unite sister cities on both sides of the border and send a message that we are neighbors, and friends that trust, understand, and respect each other. We share a language, customs, and experiences unique to our communities, and during Charro Days we take time to celebrate our distinctive culture.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Angélica Vale, the 2007 Mr. Amigo, as well as the cities of Brownsville and Matamoros, for their dedication to international goodwill between the United States and Mexico.

HONORING THE ERIE CHAPTER OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE
OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNT-
ANTS

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of the Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. This year, the members of this organization celebrate their 50th anniversary.

After splitting from the Northwest Chapter of the PICPA, 21 founding members held the first meeting of the Erie Chapter on January 31, 1958. From those first 21 CPAs, the chapter has grown to a membership of more than 320, including members working in public accounting, industry, financial services, healthcare, non-profit, government and education.

While the Erie Chapter has the second smallest membership in the State, its members are clearly among the best and the brightest within their industry. In fact, two of the Chapter's members have served as president of the PICPA, while seven others have served as vice president and four have served as State representatives on the national council.

The chapter's contributions to the Erie community go far beyond the professional realm. Chapter members donate thousands of hours to local charitable organizations serving on boards of directors, finance committees, and as volunteer staff, among others. The chapter has promoted participation in community events, including local blood drives, Hooked

on Books, and CelebrateErie. Chapter members regularly speak at local schools on financial literacy and career. The chapter sponsors scholarships open to students in accounting at the local colleges and universities and has made significant contributions to the statewide scholarship program administered by the PICPA.

The Erie Chapter is a diverse group of individuals united by their dedication to serving their clients, employers, and community with integrity, promoting financial literacy and advancing the profession by the maintenance of high ethical standards. I hope my colleagues will join me at this time in recognizing the efforts of the Erie Chapter of the PICPA and in congratulating its 50 years of service.

**TRIBUTE TO THE USCG TRAINING
CENTER AT TWO ROCK IN
PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, every day our Nation's first responders work tirelessly to protect and aid victims of disasters across our country. We have an absolute responsibility to make sure our police forces, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and public health personnel have the resources they need to effectively confront and overcome threats at the local, State, and national levels.

California's Sixth District is blessed with thousands of dedicated men and women who bravely serve their communities with distinction and honor. I rise today to commend the exemplary leadership of the Fire Department at the United States Coast Guard, USCG, Training Center at Two Rock in Petaluma, California, for their unwavering dedication to improving firefighter health and safety. Fire Chief Alfredo Ramos and the firefighters at the USCG Training Center have reduced fires and firefighter risks throughout the Bay area by providing world-class training to local first responders. We cannot expect local communities to be the first to respond to an emergency unless they are given the resources and training to do so, and the USCG Training Center has been instrumental in this effort.

Madam Speaker, fire departments throughout the country have helped provide our Nation's firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and other first responders with the tools they need to do their jobs safely and efficiently. Today, I am proud to recognize the courageous and committed firefighters at the USCG Training Center in Petaluma who have made immeasurable contributions to public safety, and they deserve our deepest thanks.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on February 25 and 26, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from the House due to a family illness.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #69, a motion by Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut to suspend the rules and agree to the passage of H. Res. 978, expressing support for the designation of the week of March 3–7, 2008, as "School Social Work Week" to promote awareness of the vital role of school social workers in schools, and in the community as a whole, in helping students prepare for their future as productive citizens.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #70, a motion by Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut to suspend the rules and agree to the passage of H. Res. 930, supporting the goals and ideals of "Career and Technical Education Month."

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #71, a motion by Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut to suspend the rules and agree to the passage of H. Res. 944, honoring the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré, United States Army, for his 37 years of service on behalf of the United States.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #72, on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #73, a motion by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida to order the previous question on adoption of H. Res. 974, a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 3521 to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #74, on agreeing to H. Res. 974, a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 3521 to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #75, an amendment offered by Mr. SIREs of New Jersey to H.R. 3521. The amendment clarified the intent of an amendment offered by Rep. VELÁZQUEZ and adopted by the Financial Services Committee by ensuring that public housing authorities that apply to HUD for "stop-loss" do not have their applications rejected on the basis that the management and related fees they establish pursuant to this bill are not reasonable as defined by HUD. Additionally, the amendment was a restatement of current law with respect to the ineligibility of illegal immigrants for assistance.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #76, an amendment offered by Mr. MEEK of Florida to H.R. 3521. The amendment holds HUD responsible, in the case of receivership, for performing the same responsibilities that the local housing agencies have in respect to working with tenant associations before building public housing. Additionally, in the case of receivership, before building new public housing HUD must honor any formal agreements entered into before the commencement of such receivership between the local housing authority and the tenant association.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #77, a motion by Mr. SIREs of New Jersey to table the motion of Mr. SMITH of Texas to appeal the ruling of the chair that the provisions of the amendment contained in the instructions accompanying the motion to recommit offered by Mr. SMITH were not germane.

I ask unanimous consent that this statement be inserted in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

HONORING IOSCO COUNTY CLERK
MICHAEL WELSCH ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a northern Michigan resident who has been an exemplary leader in his community. Michael Welsch is celebrating his retirement after more than 35 years of service to Iosco County, Michigan. Mr. Welsch served as the Iosco County Clerk from 1988 until his retirement on December 31, 2007. But long before that he was serving his community, State and country.

Enlisting in the U.S. Air Force on August 15, 1966, Mr. Welsch was assigned to parachute rigging for technical schooling, where he graduated with honors. On February 14, 1967 he arrived at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan and remained there until he was honorably discharged in May 1970. While serving in the Air Force, Mr. Welsch also began working part-time for the Iosco County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher/turnkey, working four consecutive days on the job, followed by four consecutive days off.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force he began working full-time for the Iosco County Sheriff's Department as the marine officer. He became the first certified SCUBA diver employed by Iosco County. In this capacity, he was responsible for the recovery of 25 bodies. In 1970, Mr. Welsch attended basic police training at Delta College, where he finished first in his class. In late 1971, he left the Iosco County Sheriff's Department to work in the private sector. But his days of public service were far from over.

Just over a year later, in March 1973, he returned to the Sheriff's Department as a road officer. He was later promoted to detective then detective sergeant. It was during this time that he worked as an undercover narcotics officer throughout the state of Michigan. For his undercover work, Mr. Welsch sported long hair, a beard and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He also trained his cocker spaniel, Brandy, for drug searches.

In April 1977, Mr. Welsch married Debra Roach. Nearly 5 years later, in January 1982, their first son, Andrew, was born. Two years later, in April 1984, their son Peter was born. Peter's tragic death in 2004 brought shock and grief to the Welsch family, yet he remained active as ever with his work in the community.

In 1979, Mr. Welsch was promoted to undersheriff in Iosco County, a position in which he served until December 1984. In January 1985, he accepted a position with the 81st District Court as the probation officer and was later given the additional duties of court administrator. In addition to working in the court, he also worked nights and weekends at Freel's Market in Tawas City, Michigan.

This experience in law enforcement, the private sector and with the court, prepared Mr. Welsch for his next challenge. He successfully ran in 1988 for the position of Iosco County Clerk, a position in which he served until his retirement at the end of last year. He faced opposition in every election, but always prevailed. The community clearly recognized his selfless dedication to public service.

At the same time Mr. Welsch was preparing to take over the responsibilities of County Clerk, his wife began attending Alpena Community College, where she received her associate's degree in 1990. She then went on to Saginaw Valley State College, and in December 1991 she graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in accounting. As Debra was furthering her education, Mike worked nights as the janitor of Emanuel Lutheran School, while also taking care of the kids, cooking, cleaning and doing laundry.

Mr. Welsch has received recognition for his professional accomplishments over the years. In 1997 the Northeast Sunrise Chapter of the American Business Women named him Business Associate for the Year and in 2001 the Michigan Association of County Clerks selected him Clerk of the Year.

Serving from 1998–1999, Mr. Welsch was the longest serving president of the Michigan Association of County Clerks. He served from 2005–2007 as the president of the United County Officers Association of Michigan. He is a past chairman of the Statewide Pool board of directors, an arm of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, an organization for which he currently serves as secretary. He also serves on the board of directors for Ausable Valley Community Health.

Michael Welsch's service to his community, State and country goes beyond elected office, professional accomplishments and time served in the Armed Forces. He has served as chairman of trustees, school board chairman and treasurer at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tawas City, Michigan. He has been a coach, referee and referee assessor for the Tawas Area Soccer Association. He has been a member of the Tawas Area Kiwanis Club since 1989, of which he served as president from 1994 to 1995 and was awarded a George F. Hixon Fellowship by the club, one of the highest honors the organization bestows.

He has worked as a pyrotechnician for the Tawas Area Fourth of July fireworks for 15 years and was grand marshal in the 2001 Fourth of July parade. He has served as the secretary of the Men's Major Bowling League for 10 years and was Perchville King in 1998.

Madam Speaker, all of us struggle to balance our professional lives with involvement in our local communities. As a public servant and community leader, Michael Welsch exemplifies that balance. I regret that I cannot personally attend his retirement party on March 1 in East Tawas, Michigan.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting Mr. Michael Welsch for his years of dedication to his community and in congratulating him on a well deserved retirement.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN TOM
LANTOS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest regrets for the

passing of Congressman Tom Lantos. His death is an enormous loss to Congress and our Nation. I always deeply admired his unwavering commitment to human rights. In this area, he believed our Nation could reach a higher standard, and we are all better off because of it.

Madam Speaker, I first met Congressman Lantos when I was an aide in California's 19th Assembly District. I had a high regard for him then and am honored that I was able to serve with him in Congress. My sincerest condolences go to his wife Annette, his two daughters, Annette and Katrina, his 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING THE 47TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE
CORPS

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Peace Corps Week, February 25–March 3, and recognize the 47 years of compassion, hard work, and dedication of our Nation's Peace Corps volunteers.

Following a passionate call to service by President John F. Kennedy, more than 190,000 Americans have volunteered their time, labor, and personal expertise to the aid of 139 developing nations.

Today, more than 8,000 Peace Corp volunteers serve in 68 posts in 74 countries. Ranging from positions in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, youth, and to the environment, volunteers promote global progress while building lifelong friendships in their host countries.

I would like to thank the following Peace Corps volunteers from my own district for sacrificing their time in the promotion of our Nation's values: Kristel Balbarino, serving Nicaragua; Kevin Kalhoefer, serving in Cambodia; Elyse Petersen, serving in Niger; Kevin Schmitz, serving in the Dominican Republic; Theodore Yams, serving in Guatemala; and Lisa Wasilewski, serving in Namibia. I also want to recognize and thank the many Peace Corps alumni who reside in Hawaii. I have many friends who are former Peace Corps members. To a person, each has told me that their time of service had a major impact on their lives.

Aloha and mahalo for answering the call for peace in all nations of the world.

IN MEMORY OF EUNICE
PETTIGREW

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend Eunice Pettigrew of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who passed away February 8, 2008, at the age of 92.

Eunice Pettigrew was a beacon of light and an inspiration to all of those who knew her and were blessed to call her friend. As someone who was determined to make the most out of life, Eunice chose to make her focus one of selfless service, and throughout her life she never stopped giving back to her family and her community. She was well known in Jefferson County for teaching cosmetology at what is now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and for owning her beauty shop which led her to become only the second African-American inspector of cosmetology in the State of Arkansas.

While her motherly spirit and knack for teaching was apparent in Eunice's daily work, it was also representative of her selfless nature in life. She took great joy in helping others and worked tirelessly to create a strong sense of community in Pine Bluff. She took great pride in serving as PTA president of her children's schools for over 10 years, working tirelessly to ensure the best education for every student. She was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and was named to Who's Who in the Southwest by the nationally recognized Who's Who in America publication.

Eunice was passionate about studying her family's genealogy, which she successfully traced back for centuries. It is because of her research and work in this field that I have my most cherished memory of Eunice, dating back 6 years ago. Due to Eunice's work, I had the distinct privilege to read a manuscript into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the House of Representatives based on her grandfather, Isaac Johnson, and his service to our country as a Buffalo Soldier, and I will forever be grateful for that opportunity to commemorate in history her proud family heritage.

I send my deepest condolences to her children, Carol Thomas of Chicago, Illinois; Alonzo Pettigrew, Jr., of Pine Bluff; Paula Patterson of Little Rock; George Pettigrew of Kansas City, Missouri; Robert Pettigrew of Kansas City, Missouri; and her 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren as well as three generations of nieces and nephews. Eunice Pettigrew will be greatly missed in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, and throughout the State of Arkansas. I will continue to keep her family in my thoughts and prayers, and I am honored to speak to her wonderful life as a dear friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: February 14, 2008: rollcall vote 60, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall vote 61, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 62, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall vote 63, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 64, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 65, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 66, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 67, I would have voted "yea"; and rollcall vote 68, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING KYLE EDWARD
BOWMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Edward Bowman, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Edward Bowman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 26, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 72–77. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 72—"yes"—On Approving the Journal; rollcall No. 73—"yes"—Providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; rollcall No. 74—"yes"—Providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; rollcall No. 75—"yes"—Sires of New Jersey Amendment; rollcall No. 76—"yes"—Meek of Florida Amendment; rollcall No. 77—"yes"—Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act.

HONORING NATIONAL PEACE
CORPS WEEK AND THE 47TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE PEACE
CORPS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Peace Corps Week and the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

While much has changed in the world since the Peace Corps was created in 1961, its goals and ideals of promoting goodwill remain. Volunteers continue to provide invaluable services in 74 countries, serving as educators, technology consultants, environmental specialists, and business advisors.

At a time when extremism is sweeping through much of the globe, more than ever, we need these dedicated individuals.

As the former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Africa, I have had the opportunity to meet with several Peace Corps volunteers around the continent. The commitment these men and women have shown is extremely impressive and is to be commended.

During his trip to Africa last week, the President announced the return of Peace Corps volunteers to Rwanda, and he met with volunteers in Ghana, recognizing their work.

Madam Speaker, I have seen the valuable work the Peace Corps is doing in Africa, and throughout the world. It deserves our recognition and support.

TRIBUTE TO BILL CROW

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the dedicated public service of a long time friend and member of my staff, Bill Crow. Bill and his wife Jan have been two of my closest and most trusted advisers since I first ran for State representative back in 1986. While Jan served as my district director during my seven terms in the State legislature and my first two terms in Congress, Bill served as my chief of staff for 3 years and my special projects director for the last 2 years.

Bill and Jan have always been much more than just members of my staff; they are part of my family. Having served as a legislator for over 20 years, I rely heavily on my own instincts to guide many of the most difficult decisions, but I have come to rely just as heavily on the sound advice and good judgment of Bill Crow. Although Bill readily admits, as does any good husband, that his best ideas actually come from Jan.

Bill began his career as a geologist who dabbled in politics, but he is ending his career as a skilled political adviser with a degree in geology. My work schedule keeps me in Washington much more than I would like, but with Bill and Jan serving as my eyes and ears in Houston, I felt like I never missed a beat. Bill is locally renowned as an expert on transportation policy, having spearheaded my work on the Katy Freeway reconstruction and improving access to the Texas Medical Center. He also led the effort to promote and fund the groundbreaking collaborative research being done by the Alliance for Nanohealth, and he assembled a first-rate team of doctors and scientists to serve as my Science Advisory Board, which is vital to my work on the House Appropriations Committee.

Any veteran legislator will tell you that the most valued members of their staff are not the ones who tell them they did a good job, but the ones who tell them how they can do a better job. Bill and Jan were those members of my staff, which is why I still seek them out after any public appearance or speech I have in Houston. Although retirement will allow them to spend more time with their family, I take solace knowing that Bill and Jan will stay active and engaged in local politics and that they will remain a permanent fixture in my family.

TRIBUTE TO ELLIOTT BROIDY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, my colleague, HENRY WAXMAN, and I rise to pay tribute to Elliott Broidy, recipient of the prestigious Raoul Wallenberg Award. This Award is given to individuals who exhibit courage, selflessness and success against great odds. Elliott Broidy's civic duty and philanthropy have earned him this great honor. On February 27, 2008, the Raoul Wallenberg Committee and the Gateways Organization will host a special dinner recognizing his outstanding achievements.

Elliott Broidy has helped strengthen the beloved country of his birth, the United States, and his spiritual home, the State of Israel. In 2001, when the Second Intifada threatened Israel's security, Mr. Broidy formed Markstone Capital Partners with the intent of providing a superior return to its investors while strengthening Israel's economic viability. Markstone is Israel's largest private equity fund. To date, the fund has invested nearly half a billion dollars in Israeli companies, creating hundreds of new jobs and helping to build a strong economy for Israel.

In our community, Elliott Broidy has dedicated himself to countless humanitarian causes and foundations, including the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, Aviva Family and Children's Service, Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California. He serves as a member of the United States Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, the Los Angeles Police Foundation and the Board of Governors of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. For the last 5 years, he has served as a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Fund. He is also a member of the Young Presidents Organization and the Board of Advisors for the USC Marshall School Center for Investment Studies.

Prior to founding Broidy Capital Management, Elliott Broidy had a successful career in money management. He is a Certified Public Accountant and received a B.S. in accounting and finance from the University of Southern California. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Robin, and their three children. Throughout the years, Robin has worked alongside her husband in many worthy organizations and causes that have greatly benefited thousands of children and families in Los Angeles.

We ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Elliott Broidy for his longtime service to the State of Israel and to our community.

HONORING KYLE JOSEPH KRUG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Joseph Krug, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of

America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Joseph Krug for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 25, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 69–71.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 69—"yes"—Expressing support for the designation of the week of March 3–7, 2008, as "School Social Work Week" to promote awareness of the vital role of school social workers in schools, and in the community as a whole, in helping students prepare for their future as productive citizens.

Rollcall No. 70—"yes"—Supporting the goals and ideals of "Career and Technical Education Month."

Rollcall No. 71—"yes"—Honoring the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Russel L. Honore, United States Army, for his 37 years of service on behalf of the United States.

IN HONOR OF JOHN STEINBECK

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our most famous writers and native sons, John Steinbeck. On what would have been his 106th birthday, my community celebrates Steinbeck's world-renowned body of work and respected place in American literary history.

Born in Salinas in 1902 and raised in and around Monterey Bay, John Steinbeck established himself as one of America's most widely read writers through works including *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *East of Eden*. As an author and journalist, Steinbeck became known for exploring the plight of Americans during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, garnering international recognition and admiration for his socially astute and engaging writing over several decades.

Graduating from Salinas High School before attending Stanford University, John Steinbeck began writing from an early age. From his first major success with *Tortilla Flat* in 1935, Steinbeck's writing over the coming years was deeply entwined with the Monterey Bay region. Set against the backdrops of Soledad, Monterey, and the Salinas Valley, the experi-

ences and struggles of Steinbeck's characters reflected the social and economic challenges of the times. Much of his earliest writing offered a vibrant and realistic insight into the lives of agricultural and migrant workers during some of the most formative periods of the 20th century. During World War Two, Steinbeck worked in Europe as a foreign correspondent for the *Herald Tribune* of New York.

Steinbeck's profound talent for socially perceptive and captivating writing was continually acknowledged throughout his lifetime. He was honored with numerous awards and prizes, including the Pulitzer Prize for *The Grapes of Wrath* and the 1962 Nobel Prize for Literature. In 1963 he was also named an Honorary Consultant in American Literature to the Library of Congress.

Madam Speaker, in view of this impressive record of recognition for John Steinbeck as an American literary great, today I too would like to honor him for his lasting contribution to literature and culture in this country.

HONORING THE POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2008 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Danny Whittenton, a history teacher at Lakeland's Kathleen High School in Florida's 12th Congressional District, for being recognized as the Polk County Public Schools 2008 "Teacher of the Year."

Danny Whittenton has devoted his career to teaching American history to three generations of Kathleen High School students. Ensuring that students have the opportunity to learn and experience the importance of history and civic responsibility, he continues to develop innovative teaching methods and is committed to making knowledge accessible to all students.

Polk County Public Schools employ over 12,300 employees, making them the largest employer in Polk County. Over 6,770 are fellow teachers. From those teachers, more than 300 applications were submitted for consideration. Danny was one of eight finalists whose nominee application was reviewed. His leadership, community and school involvement and teaching style earned him the honor of "Teacher of the Year" by a committee of community members, former teachers of the year and school-related employees of the year.

In 2006, Danny retired but it was short-lived as his will to teach was too strong and he returned to the classroom after only 1 month of retirement. Clearly his dedication is unwavering.

Thirty-eight years as an educator taught Danny Whittenton how to truly engage students. Dressing up as historical figures including Davy Crockett and George Washington helps spark his students' interest, and he utilizes game show concepts like History Jeopardy and History Trivial Pursuit as a contemporary way to teach history. His students also take part in the political process; organizing a Get-Out-The-Vote project, corresponding with candidates and even providing transportation to the polls for elderly citizens.

Danny is a leading example of how teachers raise student achievement through an exceptional approach. Principal Cecil McClellan of Kathleen High School shared that, "Danny is an excellent communicator with peers, parents and students. He possesses the ability to have students on the edge of their seats while engaging them in the learning process."

I would like to extend my congratulations to Danny Whittenton for exemplifying the core qualities of a teacher. His hard work and dedication have persevered through many years of teaching, decades of change, and thousands of students. I commend Danny for his service to three generations of Polk County students and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING KYLE WILLIAM DOWNS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle William Downs, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle William Downs for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to personal reasons.

On Tuesday, February 26, 2008 I missed rollcall votes 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 72, 73, 74, 76 and 77, and "aye" on 75.

TRIBUTE TO ISAAC W. WILLIAMS, SR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, a dedicated staff member and a tremendous South Carolinian, Isaac W. "Ike" Williams, Sr. Ike passed away February 15, 2008, and this significant loss has been felt deeply by his family, his friends, his community and his State.

Ike was born in the Union Heights neighborhood of Charleston, the son of the late Reverend Willie Williams and Inez Williams Brown. He grew up in a large family with ten brothers and sisters, and attended Charleston County public schools.

In 1967, Ike received a bachelor's degree in professional biology from South Carolina State College. During his senior year at S.C. State, he was a leader in organizing student protests, which ultimately led to the removal and replacement of the president of the university and improved overall conditions at the school. After graduating he was commissioned through the Army ROTC in Army Air Defense in 1967, and served on active duty in the United States and Korea from 1967–1969. He was active as a youth in the N.A.A.C.P. and was president of the South Carolina Conference Youth Division from 1963–1967. Ike also served as chairman of the N.A.A.C.P. National Youth Work Committee from 1966 to 1976.

As a student leader, Ike led efforts in Charleston, Orangeburg and statewide to open public accommodations to African Americans. He actively participated in sit-ins, kneel-ins, walk-ins, and pray-ins, and was subsequently jailed over 17 times. He also organized communities all over South Carolina during voter registration efforts prior to the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

In 1969, Ike was hired as Field Director of the South Carolina N.A.A.C.P., a position he held until 1983. He is noted for accomplishing several landmark achievements during this period. He filed reapportionment lawsuits to eliminate multi-member districts in the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate, organized the first efforts to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a legal holiday in South Carolina, and he drew public attention to inadequate, low-income housing in South Carolina. Ike also facilitated investigations to end police use of excessive force, as well as mobilized citizens in Bowman and St. Matthews to improve their local educational systems and gain election to their local school boards.

In addition, Ike expanded the fundraising ability of the South Carolina Conference of Branches N.A.A.C.P. by creating the Annual Freedom Fund Dinner, a vehicle that raises several hundred thousand dollars annually. During this time, he also became one of the founders and organizers of the South Carolina United Citizens Party. Ike always credited his civil rights involvement to his sister, Mildred, his father, Mrs. Mary Lee Davis and Reverend I. DeQuincy Newman.

From 1983–1992, Mr. Williams worked as a consultant to many businesses and corporations in South Carolina, and served as an Associate Publisher for the South Carolinian, a monthly news magazine. He also worked as an advertising consultant for the South Carolina Black Media group.

In 1992, Ike and William DeLoach spearheaded my successful campaign to become the first African American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from South Carolina since post-Reconstruction. He joined my Congressional staff after the campaign and served as District Aide for 15 years.

For his lifetime of service, Ike received numerous awards from the N.A.A.C.P., many social and civic organizations, and was named to

Who's Who in America. He was dedicated to community service and served on the I. DeQuincy Newman Foundation at the University of South Carolina. He was Chairman of the E.A.R. Montgomery Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Richland Primary Healthcare Association, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Trio Program at the University of South Carolina.

Ike was a member of First Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He was a Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Ike leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his memory, including his wife the former Evelyn Tobin of Columbia, and three children: Dechancela Evette, Isaac, Jr. and Shelley Nicole.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Ike Williams. He was a man of deep faith, who always lived by the admonition in the Book of James that it is not enough to tell those in need to go in faith. Ike was a man that black, white, young, old, weak and strong sought out in their time of need, and he tried to never leave anyone wanting. Although his presence will be sorely missed, his legacy lives on the countless people he touched over the years, and I am thankful to be counted in that number.

HONORING MATTHEW ALBERT GANDY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Albert Gandy, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Albert Gandy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RIC KELLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. KELLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I have remained in Orlando, Florida with my wife as she prepares to give birth to our second child. If I had been present yesterday, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall 72: "nay"; rollcall 73: "nay"; rollcall 74: "nay"; rollcall 75: "yea"; rollcall 76: "yea"; rollcall 77: "nay."

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM (BILL) DENNISON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to express my warm thanks, congratulations, and best wishes to William (Bill) Dennison. Mr. Dennison is being recognized by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and will be the recipient of its highest honor, the Francis H. Raymond Award for his 30 years of service and commitment to the California forest industry.

After being raised in rural northern California, Mr. Dennison earned a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of California, Berkeley in 1959. Bill's passion for the forest began while working for the Diamond Match Lumber Company in Stirling City, and within a few short years, he became a registered professional forester.

Mr. Dennison's knowledge and leadership in the forest industry set him apart from others and quickly qualified him to take the reins as the vice president and later president of the California Forestry Association (CFA). During his 14 year tenure, Bill represented the industry both in Sacramento and Washington, DC, and was able to navigate CFA through some of the most difficult forest management issues it ever faced.

Throughout his career, Mr. Dennison has distinguished himself as a visionary leader with the ability to educate the public on the value that California forest products provide. Bill was a critical member of the Quincy Library Group, helped organize the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition and later served as the Executive Director of the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference.

Although Mr. Dennison's accomplishments in the forest industry are legendary, his greatest legacy may be his commitment to advancing forestry education programs and creating a network of forest community organizations known as the Alliance for Environment and Resources that are today the model throughout the country.

Most recently, Mr. Dennison served as the Third District Supervisor for Plumas County. He quickly became a national leader on resource conservation, water quality and rural management issues while serving as Chairman of the Public Lands Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties.

Bill has served on numerous boards and commissions and has received dozens of community and national awards including: the Plaque of Commendation by the National Forest Products Association; Award of Appreciation for Services by the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition; and my favorite, selected twice with his wife Pat, as the Grand Marshall for the Chester Rotary Club Fourth of July Parade.

It is with deep respect and personal gratitude that I thank Bill Dennison for his service to the forest industry and to the citizens of Northern California.

HONORING SAMUEL LEE AYERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Lee Ayers, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel Lee Ayers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE
CORPS**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, March 1, 2008 marks the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps. It is only fitting that we pause to congratulate this tremendous organization and all of its volunteers for the incredible work they do on behalf of millions of people around the world.

Since 1961, over 190,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 countries. As teachers and consultants, they bring a broad range of intellectual acumen to concerns as diverse as business, economic development, health care education, and agricultural improvement. Their dedication speaks to the highest ideals of our Nation; it shows our global neighbors the true face of American compassion and generosity.

Currently, there are 18 citizens of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina volunteering their time in countries around the world ranging from Romania to Jamaica: Coy Beale, Christopher Belser, Erin Curtis, Michael Edmonds, Lee Enzastiga, David Hart, Rebecca Hartz, Karla Hoppmann, Amanda Jackson, Danielle Kuczkowski, Lucy Marcil, Ingrid Martens, Cynthia McDonald, Carol Preston, Crystal Reardon, Alexis Serna, Phillip Shealy, and Erin Swails.

I am grateful for their service and wish to recognize their tremendous efforts. These leaders and their fellow Peace Corps volunteers deserve our utmost respect.

Congratulations to the Peace Corps on its 47th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO DOMINICAN HERITAGE
MONTH ON THE 164TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I join with the hundreds of thousands of Dominican residents of my congressional district and across our Nation to commemorate today, February 27th, the 164th anniversary of the Dominican Republic's Day of Independence. This celebration comes at the tail end of what has been a momentous Dominican Heritage Month.

Dominican Heritage Month gave us the opportunity to acknowledge and applaud the economic, cultural, and social contributions Dominican Americans have made to this great Nation. Dominicans living in our shores have been motivated by the value of hard work and the bonds of family—the same pillars of our society that has built this great Nation for over 230 years.

It also gave us an opportunity to consider the many Dominican achievements, on the island and in the United States. Many of our hemisphere's first institutions were established on the shores of Quisqueya, including the first cathedral and the oldest university.

Since the initial wave of Dominican migration in the 1960's to the most recent arrivals of today, Dominicans have worked hard to contribute to our national identity, educating us all on their culture and traditions and enriching the quality of our shared futures. Their contributions can also be found in every facet of U.S. life—from the many baseball stars in our national pastime, to fashion legend Oscar de la Renta to the thousands of professionals that do battle as soldiers, doctors, lawyers, journalists, educators, and public servants.

This past year, the Dominican community and I shared the loss of our fallen soldier, Cpl. Juan Alcantara, who lost his life tragically on August 6, 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We also shared the grief of Hurricane Noel, the deadliest storm of the 2007 hurricane season, responsible for at least 140 deaths and the displacement of more than 80,000 people in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican people are known to triumph in the face of tragedy. They first began their campaign for the independence of the Dominican Republic in 1831 under the leadership of Juan Pablo Duarte, who formed a secret society named The Trinity. Thirteen years later, he succeeded in commanding a decisive uprising, which resulted in independence for the Dominican Republic. After the long and hard campaign for freedom had ended, a ceremonial musket shot fired on February 27, 1844 marked the Dominican Republic's first official Independence Day.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in marking this celebration of not just the independence and triumphs of the Dominican people, but also the invaluable impact that they have had on our Nation and the world.

HONORING LAURIE SULLIVAN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness over the untimely passing of Laurie D. Sullivan due to breast cancer. Laurie was a successful female entrepreneur in the world of advocacy. More importantly, she is remembered for her love of life, family, friends, colleagues, and politics. I am grateful for our friendship and the laughs that we shared.

Laurie grew up in a union household in Connecticut, where her political roots took hold. She was a Democratic activist during high school and college. She represented Connecticut as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972, serving as the youngest delegate ever at that time. She received her education at the University of Connecticut School of Law with highest honors. Laurie spent a decade doing legal and government relations work at Aetna's corporate headquarters in Connecticut. During this time, she cultivated strong ties to the Connecticut delegation in Congress.

Laurie built her influence through a long history of Democratic Party activism, in Washington, DC, as well as Connecticut. After moving from Connecticut to Washington, DC, she first co-founded Sullivan & Baldick, and then separated from that firm in 2002 to found Avenue Solutions, a small and successful all-female, all-Democratic firm that specializes in health and financial services lobbying. Avenue Solutions is notable for its individual attention and service given to clients. On behalf of those clients, Laurie played a leading role with Democrats on numerous legislative issues, including healthcare reform, Medicare expansion, legal reform, pension relief, and telecommunications.

Today I rise to pay tribute to Laurie Sullivan's outstanding career and life achievements. Laurie combined her commitment to political and legislative advocacy with a love of life and dedication to her family throughout her courageous battle with cancer. She lived by her words, "It is the quality of life, not the quantity." She will be dearly missed for her candor, devotion, and her ability to step back, take a deep breath and smile.

HONORING TYLER EVAN ARTHUR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Evan Arthur, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Evan Arthur for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**HONORING ESSIE MAE REED
DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Essie Mae Reed of Tampa, Florida. Ms. Reed devoted her life to the poor and underprivileged in Tampa. She became their voice.

Born in Savannah, Ms. Reed moved to Tampa as a child. For decades she was the representative for Central Park Village housing project families. Ms. Reed's eagerness to help others stretched beyond her closest neighbors. Her role as Central Park Village's spokeswoman began in 1967 when she created the Tenant's Association to represent the nearly 4,000 families in public housing in Tampa. She served the Association without pay and worked as a housekeeper to make money for her family. She fought for a Boys & Girls Club in the housing complex. She took children to Hillsborough Community College on the weekends for enrichment activities. She publicized the unsanitary conditions and had hot water heaters installed in the apartments so residents could shower in warm water. She ensured children received lunch at school. But her biggest accomplishment was overturning the policy excluding single mothers from being allowed to live in public housing.

In 1971, Ms. Reed ran for Tampa City Council. She was the first black woman ever to run, and when they charged her a substantial qualifying fee, she sued the city to have the fee waived. The federal district court ruled that the fee was unconstitutional because it excluded some candidates on the basis of socioeconomic status.

Madam Speaker, Essie Mae Reed is a Tampa treasure. She stood up for so many that didn't have a voice and improved lives throughout my community. She is an example that people, individuals, are capable of performing enormous feats. Ms. Reed didn't learn to read until she was 40, and she said it best: "People thought we was nobody because of living in the slums, but we could all be something given an opportunity."

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, A MEMBER OF THE 2006-2007 PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of North Texas for being recognized as a member of the President's Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Launched in 2006, the President's Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education

all across the Nation that support innovative, effective, and exemplary community service programs. Honorees for the award were selected based on a series of factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers service-learning courses.

In congratulating the winners, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "Americans rely on our higher education system to prepare students for citizenship and the workforce. We look to institutions like these to provide leadership in partnering with local schools to shape the civic, democratic and economic future of our country."

The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, through its Learn and Serve America program, and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, Campus Compact, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

It is my honor to represent a university that shows such hard work and dedication to their local community. I strongly believe in the philanthropic efforts of those who volunteer and give their time and resources to help others. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the University of North Texas, as well as their fine students, faculty, and staff. It truly is an honor to represent such extraordinary citizens in the 26th District of Texas, and I look forward to the positive impact these students will inevitably have on our Nation's future.

PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF H. RES. 979, RECOMMENDING THAT HARRIET MIERS AND JOSHUA BOLTEN BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS, AND ADOPTION OF H. RES. 980, AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INITIATE OR INTERVENE IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE CERTAIN SUBPOENAS

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday February 14, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 982, yet I feel a great sense of disappointment that Congress has been put in the position to take such action. This resolution recommends that the U.S. House of Representatives finds White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten and former White House Counsel Harriet Miers in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas issued by the Committee on the Judiciary. Furthermore, H. Res. 982 authorizes the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas.

Over the past year, Congress has been investigating the firing of U.S. Attorneys by former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales based on what appears to be purely political grounds. Congress has been investigating with the intent of exposing any wrongdoing and to restore integrity and transparency to the Jus-

tice Department. Clearly, Congress and the American people will not tolerate an Attorney General, our Nation's top law enforcement officer, politicizing the conduct of the Department of Justice. Congress and the American people have the right to know what role Bush administration officials have played in the dismissal of these Federal prosecutors—including the former U.S. Attorney for Minnesota.

In July of 2007, Congress subpoenaed Mr. Bolten and Ms. Miers after previous requests for information from them had been denied. At the direction of the White House, Mr. Bolten and Ms. Miers refused to comply with the Congressional subpoenas. They cited executive privilege in an apparent attempt to avoid answering questions under oath as to their involvement and their knowledge of the involvement of others in the firing of the U.S. Attorneys.

Now, Congress has decided it must hold Mr. Bolten and Ms. Miers responsible for their failure to appear. A subpoena from Congress is not to be ignored. Their decision to dismiss the Congressional subpoena like a piece of junk mail is regrettable and has serious consequences as H. Res. 982 demonstrates.

The Executive Branch—regardless of occupant of the White House—must be held accountable by both Congress and the American people. The Bush administration too often forgets that Congress is a co-equal branch of government and deserves open and honest cooperation when conducting oversight duties. H. Res. 982 reflects the House of Representatives' frustration with the conduct of this White House in impeding legitimate oversight and I strongly support the passage of this resolution.

HONORING PATSY AND FRED PATTERSON FOR THEIR SERVICE TO DENTON, TX, AND TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patsy and Fred Patterson of Denton, Texas, for their exceptional service to the community of Denton and to Texas Women's University. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have been awarded the 2008 Texas Women's University Founders Award.

With a more than 50-year history of community activism in Denton, Patsy and Fred Patterson have established themselves as committed leaders in promoting the city, its events and organizations, and its universities.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have had leadership roles with several Denton community organizations, including the Denton Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Denton Arts Council, the Denton Community Theatre, the Denton Public School Foundation and the United Way of Denton.

One of my heroes, President Ronald Reagan, often spoke about the importance of community service to everyday life in America. He once said voluntary service is like "a spirit that flows like a deep and mighty river through the history of our Nation." Patsy and Fred Patterson and their tireless work are part of this rich history.

The Texas Women's University Founders Award was first presented in 1998 to honor organizations and individuals who have supported Texas Women's University. Patsy and Fred Patterson are more than deserving of the Texas Women's University Founders Award and I am honored to represent them in the 26th District of Texas. I am proud to recognize these exceptional individuals who have given so much back to their community.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a statement by former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Stuart Eizenstat in honor of our late Chairman Tom Lantos.

STATEMENT OF STUART EIZENSTAT

I first met Tom Lantos during the 1976 Jimmy Carter presidential campaign for which I served as policy director, when Tom took a leave of absence from his teaching position in California to volunteer with the campaign. He was a great asset in helping develop our foreign policy, particularly on the Middle East. His brilliance, his intellectual integrity, and honesty made an immediate impression on me.

His Holocaust experience, as a Holocaust survivor, created an indelible link between us. From our first meeting in 1976 throughout his public career, he was a passionate and unwavering supporter of Israel and the need for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. He saw Israel as a Jewish State created out of the ashes of the Holocaust and the best guarantor against threats to the Jewish people. During the Clinton Administration, in which I held a number of senior positions including Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State on Holocaust-Era Issues, no Member of Congress was a stronger supporter of my efforts on behalf of the Administration to bring justice to survivors of the Holocaust and to the families of its victims.

Tom was also one of the earliest and strongest supporters in Congress for freedom for Jews in the then Soviet Union.

His Holocaust experience was reflected in a number of additional activities. He was one of the strongest supporters of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which we created with bipartisan support at the end of the Carter Administration. He was personally responsible for naming the street on which the Museum sits as Raoul Wallenberg Place, named after the person who saved his life and his wife Annette's, following the Nazi occupation of their native Hungary in 1944. He never forgot what Raoul Wallenberg had done for them and for thousands of other Jews, and was an indefatigable champion of trying to get the Soviet Union and later Russia to provide an honest accounting of the circumstances around Wallenberg's death.

His Holocaust experience also taught him the importance of human rights around the world. He was the founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, shining a spotlight on human rights violations around the world, most recently in Darfur.

Tom's legacy of support for human rights, his strong opposition to regimes which

threaten western values, the numerous actions he took to strengthen U.S.-Israel relations mark Tom Lantos as one of the most influential and important Members of Congress in our generation. He was a dear friend and a great and good man.

HONORING THE DENTON, TEXAS
LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN
AMERICAN CITIZENS COUNCIL
#4366

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the League of United Latin American Citizens Council #4366 in Denton, Texas. This group is being recognized by Texas Women's University as a 2008 Texas Women's University Founders Award recipient.

The Denton LULAC Council #4366 was established in 1981 under the leadership of charter president Frank Devila and 10 other Denton community leaders. Today, members serve on a number of Denton boards and committees, including the Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as well as the committees for the Cinco de Mayo, Cena en el Barrio and Fiesta on the Square celebrations.

For more than five years, the Denton LULAC Council #4366 has partnered with Texas Women's University to award scholarships to deserving Hispanic students in the North Texas area. Since 2002, the organization has awarded scholarships to 13 Hispanic students at Texas Women's University.

Chancellor of Texas Women's University, Ann Stuart, has said that the university is fortunate to have partners such as Denton LULAC join them in their mission of educating the State's future leaders.

The Texas Women's University Founders Award is presented to honor organizations and individuals who have supported Texas Women's University. I am proud to honor the Denton LULAC Council #4366. This group of dedicated and service-oriented individuals is very deserving of this award, and I am proud to represent these citizens in the 26th Congressional District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE TEXAS ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young students of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science team, one of five finalists in the Junior Engineering Technical Society/AbilityOne National Engineering Design Challenge. The team, coached by Scott Grant, consists of students participating in a two-year program through the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

At the final competition, which took place in Washington, DC on February 15 and 16, 2008, the five finalist teams were allowed to present their refined prototypes. The Texas

Academy of Mathematics and Science team's invention was the "Ergonomic Spool Assembly System," or eSAS, which is a table that combines adjustable height and incline to allow workers in wheelchairs to manufacture spools easily.

The eSAS was one of two second place finishers and received the award for "Outstanding Assistive Technology Design." Second place finishers won \$1,500 to go towards their school's sponsoring departments. The team received two other awards for the eSAS, "Best Presentation" and "Best Application of Rehabilitation Engineering Design Principles."

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science team was one of 250 teams who initially entered the competition in September of 2007. The annual competition offers high school students an opportunity to improve the lives of people with severe disabilities through assistive technology.

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science is an early-admission program that provides an accelerated education for bright, motivated Texas high school students who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing careers in mathematics and science. Students in this two-year program complete a rigorous academic curriculum of college coursework at the University of North Texas.

Madam Speaker, I believe these students should be recognized not only for being participants in this prestigious program, but also for their outstanding accomplishments in the Junior Engineering Technical Society/AbilityOne National Engineering Design Challenge. I am proud to represent these talented and accomplished young men and women in the 26th District of Texas, and I look forward to the positive impact these students will have on the North Texas community.

IN MEMORY OF WAYNE FERGUSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Wayne Ferguson, a former mayor, council member and land developer from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens. Mr. Ferguson passed away at the Medical Center of Lewisville on February 25, 2008.

Mr. Ferguson served on the Lewisville City Council and also as Mayor of Lewisville, Texas in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He went on to serve as the board chairman of the Medical Center of Lewisville, working tirelessly to constantly improve the hospital to meet the needs of the growing community. His never-ending devotion to the city of Lewisville led to his service on multiple other boards and committees, including the city's Tourism Committee and various advisory boards for the Lewisville Police Department. He was a strong supporter of the Lewisville Chamber of Commerce, maintaining close personal and professional relationships with many of the city's leaders. Mr. Ferguson was voted Citizen of the Year in 1989.

Mr. Ferguson has been a constant ally and advocate of the Lewisville Economic Development Foundation. He was extremely influential

during his career as a land developer, helping to make many of Lewisville's economic developments a reality, including the Vista Ridge Mall and the State Highway 121 bypass. In recent years he has become a strong proponent of restoring and revitalizing the city's Old Town. In 2006, the plaza which hosts the Old Town Farmers Market was renamed Wayne Ferguson Plaza by the Lewisville City Council.

About two years ago, Mr. Ferguson developed cancer in his blood cells. He went into remission for a brief period of time after aggressive treatment, but the cancer returned. In an amazing show of solidarity and support for

one of their own, the Lewisville community organized a blood drive for Mr. Ferguson to provide him with much needed blood transfusions to battle the cancer. It is perhaps the most telling testament to his many years of fighting for the best interests of Lewisville. In his time of great need, the city he gave so much to for so many years rose up and gave back to him during his exhausting personal battle.

Described by friends and associates as both the soul of Lewisville and the city's greatest champion, Mr. Ferguson was also a successful rancher and devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, Judy Kay, daughters Aman-

da Kay Ferguson and Brenna Kay DeVoe, brother Tommy Ferguson, and three granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today and honor the memory of such a selfless and honorable individual. Wayne Ferguson was a dedicated public servant, and serves as a role model to all citizens. I extend my sincerest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by many, his service will always be greatly appreciated, and the small Texas community of Lewisville will forever be in his debt.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 29

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine government-wide intelligence community management reforms, focusing on ensuring effective Congressional oversight and the role of the Government Accountability Office.

SD-342

MARCH 4

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Central Command and the United States Special Operations Command, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in S-407 immediately following the open session.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Kosovo, focusing on the Balkans region.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster housing strategy.

SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of the banking industry.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's revised annual energy outlook.

SD-366

Appropriations

Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-192

Appropriations

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold closed hearings to examine National Security Presidential Directive-54 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-23 (NSPD-54/HSPD-23) and the comprehensive national cyber security initiative.

S-407, Capitol

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the military space programs, and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting seashores from oil spills, focusing on operational procedures and ship designs.

SR-253

Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine enlargement issues facing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) prior to the summit in Bucharest, Romania, focusing on democratic development.

B318, Rayburn Building

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy.

SD-124

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientific

ically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatal and postnatal diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine census in peril, focusing on getting the 2010 decennial back on track.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To continue oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of heating homes, focusing on Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

SD-430

Aging

To hold hearings to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform.

SD-342

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, the Army's Mental Health Advisory Team reports, and Department of Defense and service-wide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families.

SR-232A

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the initial amendment between the United States and the Russian Federation on the agreement suspending the antidumping investigation on uranium from the Russian Federation.

SD-366

Appropriations

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Treasury.

SD-138

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-138

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities.

SD-430

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-192

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 11

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fis-

cal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114).

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support U.S. basic research.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Truck pilot program.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

SD-226

MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States.

SH-219

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight.

SD-538

2:15 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction.

SD-106

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs.

SR-232A

MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States European Command and the United States African Command, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the armed forces, and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Security Administration, and the future years defense program.

SR-222

APRIL 8

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization.

SR-253